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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Policy Guidance for the
External Research Staff

1. The subject of what policy direction ERS should expect from CIA arose over the case of [REDACTED] who is completing her doctoral dissertation on [REDACTED]. On learning of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] canvassed the intelligence community to determine whether or not there was interest in her dissertation. He determined that there was and in fact some agencies were so much interested he offered to have it typed in order to assure the community an adequate number of copies. He employed typists on the ERS staff, paying them overtime.

2. Subsequently [REDACTED] executive officer of OIR, questioned the wisdom of this expenditure. He told [REDACTED] that he wanted proof that the intelligence community wanted the [REDACTED] dissertation badly enough to warrant the expenditure.

3. I determined that [REDACTED] RQM/OIS/DDP did express an interest in the dissertation but she said that she had no idea that it would be acquired by ERS at any additional expense. I therefore did not feel that I was in a position to certify that the expenditure was justified because of a CIA request. However, I think that fact is beside the point. I believe [REDACTED] judgment on how to procure a document in which there is interest should be trusted. I do not believe that I or any member of the intelligence community should be called upon on an item by item basis to testify whether or not we think [REDACTED] was wise in spending a few extra dollars and I have so indicated to him.

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